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TAGS: OEXC SCUL FR
SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR TWO
PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES FOR EURP - U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
CHALLENGES I (OCTOBER 10 - 28, 2005)

REF: STATE 004520

POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE TWO PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES FOR
SUBJECT PROGRAM: MR. JEAN-PAUL ALBERTINI; MR. PIERRE FRANCE.

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGE

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 274

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - EURP U.S. Foreign Policy Challenges

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

This project is designed for government officials,
politicians, academics and journalists actively developing or
interpreting foreign policy. It will focus on foreign policy
issues of concern to Europe and the U.S., including counter
terrorism and security issues, the future of trans-Atlantic
relations, the changing roles of international organizations
such as NATO and the United Nations, and global trade in the
context of U.S. foreign policy.

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

DEPART-POST: 10/08/2005

SESSION-DATE: 10/10/2005

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NO-OF-PART: 2

RANK-ORDER: 1

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

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ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1047

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: RP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 14544

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Foreign Policy

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Jean-Paul

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Albertini

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

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M-CNTRY-ID: FR

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GENDER: M

DOB: 10/26/1964

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Suresnes

BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

Member of the 6th Chamber, specializes in social affairs, social security and health at France's General Accounting watchdog, the Accounting Court, since 2002

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

2001-2002 - Chief of Staff to Green Environment Minister Yves Cochet

2001 - Deputy Chief of Staff to successive Environment Ministers Dominique Voynet and Yves Cochet

1999-2001 - Adviser for European and International Affairs on Minister Dominique Voynet's personal staff

1997-1999 - Technical Adviser in charge of intra-EU economic issues on the personal staff of Pierre Moscovici, European Affairs Minister

1995-1997 - Head of the EU Affairs Office at the Economy and Finance Ministry's Directorate for External Economic Relations

1994-1995 - Communication and International Relations Adviser to the First President of the Accounting court

1991-1994 - Auditor/Investigator in charge of public sector companies in the energy sector (EDF/GDF/ELF)

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

December 1999 - Seattle, business

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

1989-1991 - Graduate School for Senior Civil Servant

1987 - Law Degree, University of Sorbonne Paris I

1985 - Paris Institute of Political Studies

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member of the Socialist Party since 1993 and member of the Party's Commission on Environment

- Co-founder of three political associations:

-- "Alternative Socialiste" to reform the Socialist Party (back in 1994 when the popularity of the Socialist Party was quite low)

-- "Generation Europeenne" a European federation group

-- "Respire" to work on environment and sustainable development issues

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: French

ENGL-READ: 4

ENGL-SPEAK: 4

ENGL-COMP: 4

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: Italian

OTHER-LANG-ID: JT

READ: 0

SPEAK: 0

COMP: 0

END OTHER-LANGS:

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: German

OTHER-LANG-ID: GM

READ: 0

SPEAK: 0

COMP: 0

END OTHER-LANGS:

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

Our primary objective is to renew our contact with a rising star within the French Socialist Party, at a particular crucial time for the future of that party as it develops its platform and goals in preparation for the 1997 Presidential and legislative elections. At the same time, in the longer term, we would like to give Albertini, a specialist of European and environmental issues, exposure to the U.S. A previous nominee from the French Socialist Party returned from his trip to the U.S. with the conviction that the Socialist Party had previously "overlooked" the importance of the bilateral U.S.-French relationship. Lack of exposure to the U.S. explains general antagonism towards the U.S. way of life. We believe Albertini will occupy important functions if the Socialists return to power and should therefore acquire greater insight into U.S. policies.

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

Given Albertini's intellectual pedigree and professional and political experience, we believe he would greatly gain from participation into the European Program: "U.S. Foreign Policy Challenges"

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Florence Radovic

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Mr. Albertini has advanced quickly within the elite of the French civil service. A graduate of the prestigious French National School of Administration ENA, he was picked out as one of the most promising graduates of his class by one of the best "headhunters" in French political circles, former European Affairs Minister Pierre Moscovici. He then followed the typical French bureaucratic elite curriculum, first at one of France's most prestigious administrative bodies, the French Accounting Court (similar to the GAO), and then in three different ministries, at senior levels, including Chief-of-Staff.

His previous government experience on issues key to ongoing and future U.S. trade policy objectives, i.e. trade, European Affairs and the environment, combined with his intellectual curiosity and his good standing within the Socialist Party, make him an obvious choice for the IV Program.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ECON - U.S. Embassy, Paris, France

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: No

E-I-TYPE:

NOMINEE-ID: 543

PERSON-ID: 442

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CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: FR

RES-CNTRY-ID: FR

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NOM-STATUS: N

DS2019-ACTION: 1

DS2019-SUBJECT:

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SPONS-AGENCY1:

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US-AGENCY-AMT1: 0

USGOVT-AGENCY2:

US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

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INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0

VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-CAT:

END BIO:

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Pierre

M-NAME:

L-NAME: France

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

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M-CNTRY-ID: FR

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 10/06/1971

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Annecy

BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

Region-wide Reporter, Dernieres Nouvelles d'Alsace-DNS,
Strasbourg, since 2000

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

Multimedia expert journalist at DNA, since 1999

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
1999-2000 - Journalist at the Economic Section, DNA
1998 - Intern, and then journalist at the local news section,
DNA
1994-1997 - Freelance Journalist at "Dauphine Libere"
1994-1997 - Stringer for "Cyberstrategie", "Planete Internet",
"01 Informatique"
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
September 2000, Washington D.C., Chicago and New York City, 3
weeks tourism
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
November 2003 - Spain, tourism
October 2002 - England (London), tourism
November 2001 - Morocco, tourism
April 1999 - Former Republic of Yugoslavia (Skopje), press
report
September 1998 - Quebec, tourism
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
1997-1999 - Strasbourg School of Journalism, Master Degree in
Journalism and Sciences and Techniques, specialization written
press
1994-1977 - University of Savoie, two-year study diploma and
BA in History
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
- Multimedia Associations
- Improvisation Theater Group, semi-professional actor
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
2003-2004: 90 articles on line (non-exhaustive list including
30 articles on multimedia development) on www.pierrefrance.com
on various issues such as:
- Aug 18, 2004: "Dans les Banlieues Alsaciennes : le Spectre
des Ghettos Ethniques"
- June 25, 2004: "L'Eurocorps est Pret pour l'Afghanistan"
- June 15, 2004: "Aux Etats-Unis, Etre de Gauche, c'est
Militer"
- June 7, 2004: "Paix et Liberte sur l'Europe"
- January 5, 2004: "Dans les Quartiers, le Risque au
Quotidien"
+ numerous articles on social issues.
A book (novel) is to be published.
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: French
ENGL-READ: 3
ENGL-SPEAK: 3
ENGL-COMP: 3
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: Spanish
OTHER-LANG-ID: QB
READ: 2
SPEAK: 2
COMP: 2
END OTHER-LANGS:
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: Arabic
OTHER-LANG-ID: AR
READ: 2
SPEAK: 2
COMP: 2
END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
As a journalist, Pierre France could help our outreach to
French audiences to explain U.S. policies on crime and cyber-
technology specifically, and on other issues as well.
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Christopher Davis; Genevieve Thomassin
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
At 33, Pierre France is the youngest of the region-wide
reporter team at Dernieres Nouvelles d'Alsace (DNA - circul.
224,000), the largest regional daily newspaper in Alsace.
While he entered that professional circle as a specialist in
multimedia/Internet issues, he also writes articles on youth
at risk, ethnic ghettos in Alsatian suburbs, crime, Turkey and
Europe, the Eurocorps and Afghanistan, and even articles on
American politics, based on interviews with visiting Americans
(e.g., the widow of Gene Kelly). Pierre France speaks
English, but only traveled once to the United States for three
weeks as a tourist in September 2000. While preparing a
Master's degree at the Strasbourg School of Journalism, he did
an internship at DNA, then a short stint as a free-lance

journalist there, before being hired as a full-time DNA journalist.
Pierre France's versatility leads his Chief Editor, former Franco-American Foundation grantee, to place great hopes in his career. Chief Editor Dominique Jung credits Pierre France with "extensive intellectual curiosity and dynamism, willing and able to report on a wide variety of subjects." Jung thinks his young charge would absorb a great deal from an International Visitor experience. Disarmingly unassuming at first blush, Pierre France is also a semi-professional actor in an improvisation theater group, and a fiction writer (unpublished so far). His interests range far beyond multimedia and the arts; he also has a keen interest in social and international issues, especially international crime, and would greatly benefit from an IV experience in the United States.

With the Schengen Information Center, the Franco-German Center for Police Cooperation, the Council of Europe's GRECO (Group of States Against Corruption), and its University's new degree in combating money-laundering, Strasbourg brings together many experts in international crime. Pierre France is poised to pull these strands together in his reporting. Insights gained from an IV program could help inform his reporting in a way that could foster our transatlantic cooperation on various issues.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: AmConGen Strasbourg, France

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: No

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USGOVT-AGENCY2:

US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

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VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

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VIS-CAT:

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